New Beginnings





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i·life Spring Semester The Book of Daniel

The Spring Semester is in full swing here in Champaign-Urbana. We're enduring our second winter storm this week, so Spring feels a bit of a misnomer. Nonetheless, classes have resumed and students have been on campus for about a month now.

Each week, about 75 individuals attend small groups and encounter God through Bible Study and community. Each Sunday we preach on the passage they studied. Nick had been leading us through the book of Daniel reminding us of its central message: God is the one in control! A message of hope for Israel in exile and a message of hope for the church still today.

As we near the 2 year mark of the pandemic and restrictions on campus life, we have noticed the toll it has taken on students. There is a reluctance to commit to future events and still a hesitancy by some to gather in larger groups or for events like retreats. We invite you to pray for us to help facilitate connection, and deep, Christ-centered community here in Illini Life.

Our mission is still to reach students for Jesus, disciple them to maturity, and inspire them to a lifelong faith in Him. That work continues, albeit a bit more slowly these days speaking through masks and in smaller groups.

Life Updates Praise and Prayers

We want to take this chance to update you on some exciting family news. Amy is 4 months pregnant with our second child. You may recall trying to have Nathan was a challenging and faith building process for us. The road to this pregnancy continued in that vein.

Together we breathed a sigh of relief at our ultrasound this past week when we learned the baby was healthy and doing well. We also were filled with joy to learn we will be having a girl. Nathan is so excited to be a big brother; he's been asking for a brother or sister for about a year now. Sharing the news with him was such a gift for all of us.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" We hope you'll join with us in praising God for this great blessing and good gift in our lives.

As well, we invite you to pray for a continued healthy pregnancy and healthy baby girl. We're excited to meet her in early July. For now Amy has been letting us know when our little girl is kicking and Nathan often talks to her in Mommy's tummy.

Prayer Requests

- For Amy, Nick, and Nathan to be a light for Jesus to those we meet as we are present on campus.
- Prayers for deep Christ-centered community.
- Praise for our baby girl whom the Lord knows and is knitting together.
- Prayers for a healthy pregnancy.





